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RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING RCE

In response to the Final Office Action dated 24 November 2004, the Applicant filed a Notice of Appeal on 24 February 2005. The Applicant subsequently conducted a telephone interview with the Examiner on 14 April 2005 and discussed the application with the Supervisory Examiner on 19 April 2005. In light of these discussions, the Applicant submits a Request for Continued Examination and the accompanying remarks and respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, together with allowance of all claims pending in the present application.

Remarks begin on page two (2) of this paper.